

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINORITY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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Employment of Minority Communities
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Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to launch new schemes for creating opportunities of employment for the youth belonging to minority communities;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor along with the amount of funds allocated for the above purpose during the last three years and the current year;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to conduct employment survey quarterly and annually on the basis of periodic labour survey for assessing the number of employed youth belonging to minority communities; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS

(SHRI MUKHTAR ABBAS NAQVI)²

(a) & (b): No, Madam. There is no such proposal to launch new schemes for creating opportunities of employment for the youth belonging to minority communities at present. This Ministry has already launched following schemes for minority youths which can earn them suitable employment or make them suitably skilled to go for self-employment:

(i) "USTTAD (Upgrading the Skills and Training in Traditional Arts/ Crafts for Development)" was formally launched in May, 2015. It aims to preserve the rich heritage of traditional arts/crafts of minorities by building capacity and updating the traditional skills of master craftsmen/artisans; documentation of identified traditional arts/crafts of minorities; setting standards for traditional skills; training of minority youths in various identified traditional arts/crafts through master craftsmen; and develop national and international market linkages.

(ii) "Nai Manzil" was launched in August, 2015. It is an integrated educational and livelihood initiative and aims for the benefit of the minority youth who do not have a formal school leaving certificate, i.e. those in the category of school-dropouts or educated in the community education institutions like the Madarsas, with a view to educate them along with skills and enable them to seek better employment.

(iii) "Seekho aur Kamao (Learn and Earn)", aims to upgrade the skills of minority youth in various modern/traditional skills depending upon their qualification, present economic trends and market potential. The scheme ensures placements of minimum 75% trainees, out of which at least 50% placement is in organized sector.

The year wise funds allocated for the above schemes since their inception are as under:

(Rs. in crore)

Scheme	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
Seekho aur Kamao	17.00	46.23	192.45	210.00
USTTAD	- 0.50	17.00	20.00	
Nai Manzil	- - 0.01	155.00		

(c) & (d): No, Madam. The Ministry does not propose to conduct employment survey quarterly and annually on the basis of periodic labour survey for assessing the number of employed youth belonging to minority communities. The Ministry uses the employment and un-employment data published by National Sample Survey Office (NSSO), Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, Government of India.
